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functioning well." Asked whether Begin can keep going at this pace, Dr. Laniado said: "You can divide that into two questions — whether he can and whether I would advise him to. It may be that he can continue at the same rate. Would I recommend it? I'd advise him to slow down, as a pace like that isn't good even for a healthy man, to say nothing of a man who was hospitalized two months ago."



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## Poland admits Israeli newsmen



Micha Limor

**By MARK SEGAL**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
LONDON. — Micha Limor, Israel Broadcasting Authority's West European correspondent, flew to Warsaw on Saturday to produce a television report on the remnants of the thousand-year-old Polish Jewry.

Limor, who is based in London, is the first Israeli journalist to be admitted to Poland since the Soviet bloc countries broke ties with Israel in 1957.

Limor received his visa at the Polish embassy in London. It took two months for his application to be approved by Warsaw.

Limor apparently arranged this assignment after meeting official Polish representatives at the World Jewish Congress conference in Madrid. They initiated the idea of an Israeli TV reporter coming to Poland and advised him to file his visa application.

The Polish Government is offering Limor their technical services. Limor will remain in Poland for one week.

News of Limor's trip aroused initial suspicion among former Polish Jews in London. They claimed that the journalist is going to Warsaw at a time when the Polish regime wishes to improve its image abroad as it increases its repression of dissidents at home.

**Coop buyers visit**  
Dozens of senior managers and buyers of Inter-Coop — an organization founded by the European and Scandinavian co-operative movements to enhance inter-commercial relations among their countries — arrived in Israel this week as guests of Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Hamashbir Lazarchan and the Coop-Union.

The delegation, which will explore the possibilities of an increase in exports for Israeli products, is staying in Israel for about a week.

Mr. Yehuda Kaspi, General Manager of Hamashbir and Mark Averbach, Manager of the Hamashbir Export-Import Company Ltd., announced that the extent of joint-purchases implemented by the Scandinavian and European co-operative movements through Inter-Coop in 1976, surpassed the half-billion-dollar bracket.

The delegation currently visiting Israel consists, among others, of 13 footwear buyers, six ladies' fashions buyers and six children's garments and apparel buyers.

**Watchman locked up**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A watchman complained to Jerusalem police that two unidentified men locked him up in a shelter in which he was imprisoned on Friday night until Sunday morning.

Salim Fandi, 55, said the two blind men with a flashlight and forced him into a shelter at the building site in the Gilo section of Jerusalem where he is employed. Workmen found him there on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, a police investigation has revealed that flooring tiles worth IL1,000 were stolen from the site over the weekend.

## Alignment hopes to avoid another disaster in the Histadrut elections

**By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — If the Knesset election pattern repeats itself in the Histadrut elections on June 21, Labour may lose its last and most formidable stronghold.

This can happen even before the present Alignment-controlled federation of trade unions has had a chance to experiment with its new stance — champion of the working classes and challenger of the government.

The first warning light flashed in the previous Histadrut elections in September 1973, when the Alignment lost some four per cent of its 1969 total, and went down to 58 per cent of the electorate.

The Likud, on the other hand, gained 6 per cent to reach 23 per cent of the total. This was out of a total of 1,188,000 voters. The total number of eligible voters has increased to 1,370,000 this year.

A one-third drop in Alignment votes (as in the Knesset elections) could reduce its Histadrut share to 39 per cent. While the Likud would be unlikely to match this, it could definitely challenge the Alignment, especially if backed by the Independent Liberals (six per cent — 1973) or the Oved Hadati (4.5 per cent in 1973).

Short of an unexpected election landslide, there is no chance of a right-wing coalition obtaining an absolute majority in the Histadrut's next four-year term — not even in coalition with dissident groups (and they will have 17 lists to choose from).

But the Alignment won't be able to muster many sympathizers either, and there is a real possibility that the Histadrut's executive bodies will be paralyzed by a stark balance of power with bargaining being the order of the day.

This is something the Alignment is trying to avoid —

realizing that the Histadrut may be a way of regaining popularity and that it could help pave the way to better future Knesset and government representation.

Top Histadrut executives are currently reassuring one and all that there will be no "political strikes" and that the Histadrut will — regardless of the Alignment's recent political misfortunes — continue to dedicate itself solely to the legitimate interests of the workers.

On the other hand, the Histadrut has had no experience on the "wrong side of the fence." It has already declared opposition to the policies of the contenders for various government posts, including possible minister of finance Simha Ehrlich, who sees in "controlled unemployment" an acceptable way of checking inflation.

The Alignment is now addressing itself to the election campaign, trying to make amends for whatever went wrong on May 17. The accent is on making members aware of "who is looking after their real interests." In 1973 the Histadrut elections preceded those of the Knesset. But this time things are different.

The Likud is digging in behind its Knesset campaign slogan of "time for a change." From a Likud point of view, a slowdown of the Histadrut's ability to act would be a major achievement.

As to possible leaders the Likud is wavering between two strong-voiced young men: David Levi and Yoram Aridor. One of them will eventually be nominated as the right's contender for the post of secretary-general of the federation. The Alignment has re-nominated Yehoram Meisel for the post.

For the Alignment, losing in the Histadrut elections would be perhaps the most devastating setback yet suffered.

## Elections chief calls for simplified voting law

**By JUDY SEGAL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

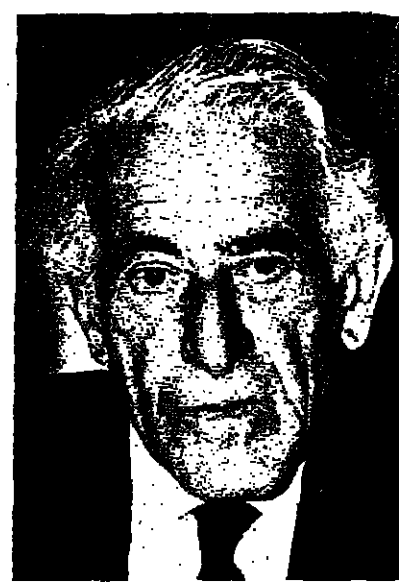
With his desk still piled high with ballot failures and voter complaints, Central Elections Committee chairman Eliahu Manny urged on Sunday that a new, simplified election law be prepared in time for the next election.

"What we have now is so cumbersome and out of date," Justice Manny told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We need an efficient method, and if the Knesset starts work on it now, at leisure, it can be put into operation for elections to the Tenth Knesset."

Without giving details of what he would prefer, Justice Manny said a new law could include citizens who have been excluded, like government representatives and emissaries serving abroad.

It was unfortunate that the old method of paper ballots and manual counting could not be replaced in time with a computer system, asserted the chairman. His committee received samples of a machine now being used in 15 of the United States, in which a computer card is punched by the voter in the booth according to the party of his preference, sealed in an envelope and then processed quickly by computer. The machines would cost about \$150 each (one is needed for each of the 3,800 polling stations).

"The money we spent last week on holding elections among soldiers could have covered the cost of machines for the IDF, and we would



Eliahu Manny

have been left with them for future elections," he said.

The elections committee printed a total of 150 million ballot slips, including 20 million paid for by the parties that were used for their own propaganda. Although there were fewer than two million voters, the reserve was needed to ensure that none of the symbols went short, and to replace the ballots that were taken home by voters for souvenirs.

## Likud supporters in U.S. uneasy

**NEW YORK.** — With the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Rabbi Alexander Schneider, scheduled to confer with Menachem Begin in Israel at the latter's invitation, even Mr. Begin's supporters here were privately not too happy about the impression created by the Likud leader's visit to Kaddum last week.

They were making efforts to arrange a meeting between Likud's Shmuel Katz and the Jewish leadership in the hope that Mr. Begin's emissary, due here soon, would help allay the deep anxiety evident in some Jewish quarters.

These anxieties were aired Thursday at a meeting here of the Presidents Conference, where the consensus seemed to be the need for allowing the dust to settle before determining policy. The inconclusiveness of the discussion was partly a result of the vacuum created by the absence of any pointer to official Israeli thinking.

A meeting with presidential adviser Stuart Eizenstat in Washington on Friday dealt only briefly with the new situation in Israel and concentrated on domestic issues. Some among the Jewish leadership are anxious that if Likud adheres to its

### BACKGROUND REPORT Malka Rabinowitz

proclaimed policy over the West Bank, they might find themselves in an uncomfortable position vis a vis the White House.

They would face the awkward possibility of feeling obliged to defend a policy which they regard as being to the right of the national consensus and that they would first have to defend to themselves.

Likud supporters felt this concern derived partially from unfamiliarity. Jacques Torczyner, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said liberal elements who viewed Likud as reactionary were mistaken.

"The Likud is neither as hawkish nor Labour as dovish as some assume," Torczyner added.

Reflecting the new status of the party, Torczyner said an occasion had now arisen to test the genuineness of those who claimed in the past that support should be forthcoming no matter what the government in Israel.

Misgivings were expressed by some Likud supporters lest Washington adopt a "divide and conquer" policy in respect to the Jewish community.

Lack of familiarity with Mr. Begin and the people that would be assuming power with him was definitely an element in the uneasiness felt by long-time Jewish leaders, who have developed warm, personal relations with the leaders of Labour over the past three decades.

Despite surface similarities, Likud's business orientation was not

expected to constitute a major element in establishing initial rapport with the businessmen and middle class professionals who make up the backbone of the Jewish fund-raising establishment.

Social and humanitarian considerations weigh more heavily with this group than economic philosophy. Moreover, as immigrants themselves or the children of immigrants, their political outlook tends to have a liberal cast.

The reservations felt by the leadership were not necessarily reflected in the larger Jewish community which, at least for the moment, may be taking some pride in the ringing tones of Likud pronouncements. Gush Emunim may be a beneficiary of this mood and gain a new respectability.

Another type of concern is being felt in the Conservative and Reform Movements at the prospect of a major voice for the National Religious Party, and possibly Aguda, in the new government.

Conservatives particularly are worried that this might mean a setback in their hard-won gains under the last Alignment-led government. Although stopping short of formal recognition, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin quietly permitted individual Conservative rabbis to officiate at marriages and other religious functions.

In a cable of congratulations to Begin, Rabbis Stanley Rabinowitz and Wolfe Kelman, president and executive vice-president respectively of the Conservative Rabbinical Assembly, pointedly made reference to the principle of "religious pluralism."

### 'Fake doctor' nabbed at Beilinson

**PETAH TIKVA (Itim).** — Police were yesterday questioning a 27-year-old Umm el Fahm man who they say had for three weeks been successfully passing himself off at Beilinson Hospital here as "Dr. Muhammad Haleb al-Mahjani from Hadassah in Jerusalem."

They said he might still be keeping up the masquerade had he not lost his briefcase, which revealed that he was not the mythical doctor and indeed not a doctor at all.

According to police, the suspect had been going from ward to ward here dressed in a white coat. He had meanwhile acquired a room in the doctors' lodgings and had been eating in the hospital dining room.

The end came when he lost his "James Bond" attache case. A security officer who found it, looked inside to find who its owner was, and found papers relating to the man's true identity. When "Dr. Mahjani" came to reclaim the briefcase he was detained, and a call to Hadassah revealed that they knew of no one by that name.

Under questioning, the suspect told police he had always wanted to be a doctor. But police think he had been stealing from the hospital, as large amounts of money were found on him.

Petah Tikva police chief Mordechai Ventura called yesterday for Beilinson to improve its security.

### Sigmund Freud chair proposed for H.U.

**By YA'ACOV ARDON**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA.** — A campaign to establish a Sigmund Freud chair in psychoanalysis at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will be a feature of the 30th congress of the International Psychoanalytic Association in Jerusalem in August.

It is estimated that the minimum needed to endow the chair is \$250,000, with more funds required if a centre for psychoanalysis is also to be established.

The international association and the Israel Psychoanalytic Society, headed by Prof. Rafael Moses, will

have a voice in the selection of a scholar for the chair. Freud's daughter, Miss Anna Freud, heads the international committee.

In 1925 Freud and Albert Einstein were among the outstanding figures in science to become governors of the newly-founded Hebrew University. During the Hitler era, when books were burned in public and freedom of thought and art suppressed, Freud proposed that a chair in psychoanalysis be set at "at our university" in Jerusalem. However, the University's trustees preferred to create a chair for academic psychology.



**WASTE NOT.** — Shavuot celebrant helps himself to some of the First Fruits at one of Jerusalem's celebrations of the holiday. Police chief David Kraus socializes in the background. (Weiss)

## Sun smiles on Shavuot

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

Synagogues were decked with greenery, agricultural settlements displayed their first fruits of the season, and Israeli picnickers clogged the beaches and forests yesterday as the country celebrated Shavuot, the Festival of the Giving of the Law.

In Jerusalem, the devout ended their traditional all-night study sessions with a visit to the Western Wall yesterday morning, where a large crowd had spent the night.

With the weather yesterday unseasonably hot and dry, one of the most crowded holiday sites was Lake Kinneret. The crowd on the beaches there was estimated at 100,000, after another 20,000 joined those who had already arrived on Friday and Saturday.

The Lake Authority's hopes to persuade the public to keep the beaches and camping areas clean were dashed, saplings planted this year to provide more shade were trampled and destroyed, and litter was considerable.

A heavy traffic jam developed at the crossroads in downtown Tiberias, and even a hard-working policeman could not do much to hasten the flow of cars. Hotels were fully booked, over two-thirds by

overseas tourists, and many would-be weekend guests had to be turned away. The heat was intense, but no accidents were reported by evening.

Large numbers of picnickers were also reported in the Jezreel Valley, at Sahne and at Ma'ayan Harod. Despite heavy traffic in the Valley, only one accident was reported, in which five people were injured, four seriously.

Traffic back to Jerusalem was also heavy yesterday, so heavy that motorists were forced to stop several times in the afternoon and evening. The bottlenecks were at Latrun and at Sha'ar Hagai. Police said the traffic jams were the unavoidable result of masses of holidaymakers returning from a three-day weekend.

In Haifa the First Fruits celebration at the Kfar Hanoar city youth farm, a traditional feature of Shavuot, had for its subject last week's elections. Tractor-drawn floats prepared by the pupils mocked the election campaign, the first prize going to one displaying two cows behind a huge TV screen representing Begin and Peres debate. In this the Peres-cow promised plentiful American fodder, while the Begin one offered pastures on both sides of the Jordan.

## Wilner receives threat on his life

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

**Rakah (New Communist) leader** Meir Wilner has received a letter in which a person identifying himself as "one of those who voted for Mahal (the Likud)" threatened his life, party spokesman Uzi Burstein said yesterday.

Burstein quoted a passage from the note which read: "To the dog Meir Wilner. I am one of those who

voted for Mahal (the Likud) and I want to tell you that the knife intended for you has been nicely whetted. This time we will not stick it in your

Burstein said the note was handwritten, stamped with a post office stamping machine and posted in Tel Aviv on May 15, back but straight through your heart... We will form a national fascist government by your plan."

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## Arkia: Flight controllers out to destroy us

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim).** — The flight controllers whose "working by the book" has caused long delays at the airport are out to destroy the Arkia internal airlines, the company's general manager, Lew Bigon, declared on Friday. Bigon said that passengers on internal lines, especially Eilat residents, are the chief victims from the airport go-slow. There is no excuse, he said, for the long delays at the Eilat airport, with a free runway and empty airspace.

As for international flights, delays continue and passengers have been kept waiting for hours in sweltering planes for permission to take off from the airport control tower. On Saturday night the controllers would not allow the El Al dispatcher who coordinates take-off arrangements for El Al planes to enter the control tower.

It appears that the delays caused by the strike at the Athens control tower are only one small reason for the delays at Ben-Gurion Airport, observers say. Meanwhile El Al has renewed its flights to Athens which were cancelled last week because of the slowdown strike there.

## Jumbo blasts truck

**BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim).** — An accident here in which a pick-up truck was knocked over by the blast from an El Al Jumbo jet's engines was the first of its kind in El Al's history, the company's spokesman stated on Sunday.

The truck driver, Shlomo Parinta, 45, got off with an arm injury. His passenger, Lev Michashevili, 30, came out without a scratch. The two are El Al cleaning men.

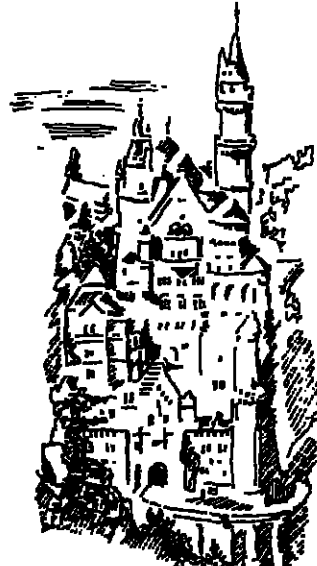
The El Al spokesman declared that all safety rules had been observed in racing the jet's engines on the ground, but the airline was investigating the cause of the accident.

## Teachers must not tell pupils to buy imports

The Education Ministry has informed teachers in all the schools under its control that they are forbidden to tell their pupils to buy any imported stationery or sports equipment.

The ministry said teachers must stress upon pupils the importance of buying local produce to help improve the country's balance of payments.

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## Vorster says Pretoria can stand on its own

GENEVA. — South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster, in a further rebuff to U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale, said U.S. pressure to force change in South Africa was unlikely to succeed.

Speaking to reporters here on Sunday night, the South African said his country was strong enough to stand on its own and anyone who thought otherwise was making a mistake.

Vorster flew here for a surprise meeting with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny after unyielding talks with the American Vice-President in Vienna last week.

The Vienna meeting ended in an impasse when Vorster refused to accept U.S. views that a change in the country's racial system was as important as the establishment of black majority rule in Namibia (South West Africa) and Rhodesia.

Asked if a tougher U.S. policy towards South Africa was likely to backfire, Vorster said: "It is unlikely to succeed."

He went on: "South Africa is an independent country and South Africa is pleased if it gets support from any other country. But if you imply that South Africa cannot stand on its own feet if forced to, and if necessary, then you will be making a mistake."

Vorster said his talks with Mondale "will definitely make South Africa more determined than ever in future to counter with all means at its disposal Marxist imperialism in Africa and especially Southern Africa."

Vorster refused to say whether his talks with the Ivory Coast leader meant South Africa was reviving its "dialogue diplomacy" to improve and establish relations with black African states. The Ivory Coast was one of a few African states which responded to the earlier South African initiative.

Vorster, who requested the meeting, said he valued the opinion of Houphouët-Boigny, who like South

Africa, was concerned about Communism in Africa and "Russian imperialism."

The U.S. ambassador to the UN, Andrew Young, ended a two-day visit to South Africa on Sunday by saying he was in favour of economic boycotts by blacks as a weapon to force change in the white government's racial policies. Young, whose outspokenness in the past has aroused the ire of many white South Africans, expressed some wide-ranging views in Johannesburg. Among other things, he told largely white audiences that Russians are racists and that it was the police, not black students, who rioted in the black township of Soweto.

Young also made one of his sharpest attacks yet on white-minority governments in southern Africa. He accused Ian Smith's Rhodesian regime of "systematic oppression and death-dealing" and said later that with "minor qualifications" the same applied to the South African government.

Discussing the Mondale-Vorster talks, Young said although apparently there had been no concrete agreement, he believed some of the things talked about will "quietly happen."

He said he regarded Vorster as a "man of his word... he hasn't agreed to much, but if he agrees, he delivers."

"I don't mind tough, hard-nosed people. They're a lot easier to deal with than idealists... who are very honourable but in the crunch they can't produce."

Young said even if the Mondale-Vorster talks had collapsed, he wouldn't be discouraged, "because," he added with a broad grin, "I think Jimmy Carter is an Afrikaner... he comes out of that same rural, hard-nosed stock."

"He may not like me today since I called him an Afrikaner yesterday," Young said. (Reuters, AP)

## Mondale says U.S., Britain in full accord on Rhodesia

LONDON. — U.S. Vice-President Walter Mondale said yesterday the U.S. and Britain are in "complete agreement" on efforts to bring about independence in both Rhodesia and Namibia.

"We are in complete agreement and cooperation could not be better between our two governments in the achievement of these objectives," Mondale said after talks with British government leaders.

He spent nearly four hours Sunday evening reporting to Prime Minister James Callaghan and other British government leaders on his Vienna talks with South African Prime Minister John Vorster.

He had another 90-minute talk at the foreign office yesterday morning with Foreign Secretary David Owen before departing for Washington.

Speaking to newsmen on the foreign office steps, with Owen standing alongside him, Mondale said "I wish to say to Secretary Owen that my government is most impressed with your efforts and with the commitment of your government to an independent Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), based on justice and liberty, and we are wholly committed to the success of your efforts and see them as instrumental in bringing about a stable, secure southern Africa."

Owen said that "the fact we are working together jointly on some of these very difficult problems offers a very real prospect of getting a peaceful transition to majority rule both in Rhodesia as an independent Zimbabwe and also in Namibia."

Mondale told reporters on the plane on the way from Belgrade to London that Vorster agreed to back the plan for elections in Rhodesia next year without the provision of a white blocking veto. That was seen as a change in the South African position which formerly was backing for whatever plan Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith would support.

There was an indication from American sources that this change in South Africa's position was more than had been hoped for.

With U.S. backing, Owen has been trying to gather support in Africa for a constitutional conference that would end the guerrilla war in Rhodesia and lead that breakaway British colony to black-majority rule. Vorster, whose country is white-ruled Rhodesia's chief trading partner, is regarded as a key figure in the U.S.-British peace effort.

London was the last stop on a 10-day European swing that took the Vice-President to Portugal, Spain, Austria and Yugoslavia.

(UPI, AP)



Five Basques who were jailed for terrorism in Spain sing the Basque anthem on arrival in Belgium on Sunday. The Basques were granted

freedom by the Spanish government on condition that they stay in exile.

(UPI radiophoto)

## Basque group admits kidnapping industrialist

SAN SEBASTIAN. — The Basque nationalist guerrilla organization ETA has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of industrialist Javier de Ybarra y Berge, a local radio station reported yesterday.

Ybarra, 64, head of a family regarded among Spain's wealthiest, was abducted on Friday from his home in the outskirts of Bilbao by two men posing as ambulance attendants.

In a note left in a mailbox claiming the kidnapping, the ETA attacked the government of Premier Adolfo Suarez for police repression of demonstrations in the Basque region last week that left five demonstrators dead and scores of others injured.

The ETA also assumed responsibility for the slaying of a policeman last Wednesday in San Sebastian and an aborted attack on two policemen

on Thursday in Pamplona.

The guerrilla group said it had gone back into armed action because of the "brutality" of the government attitude and police actions in quelling a week of demonstrations for amnesty for political prisoners jailed for terrorism. The ETA said that in response to the demonstrations "the government, through its so-called forces of order, unleashed a wave of repression and killings in Euzkadi, the balance of which, tragically compares to the best days of the Franco dictatorship."

The Ybarra kidnapping drama was unfolding at the same time that the government was beginning to release the last hard-core ETA prisoners who had been jailed for anti-Franco violence under the strongman's regime.

But the last political prisoners were being obliged to accept tem-

porary exile in order to gain freedom. The ETA guerrillas outside of jail condemned the measure as insufficient but the prisoners expressed their eagerness to benefit from it. Five were released from prison on Sunday and flown to exile in Belgium.

In the northern city of Bilbao before some 40,000 Communist supporters, the 81-year-old president of Spain's Communist Party, Dolores Barriola, "La Pasionaria," made a brief but emotional speech in her first public appearance since returning from 38 years of Russian exile. Visibly tired and her voice cracking, "La Pasionaria" urged Basques to continue fighting for their rights. She made no mention of the violence that shook her country in last week's demonstrations, nor did she speak of the voluntary exile of the five Basques. (Reuters, UPI, AP)

## Islamic foreign ministers call for total Moslem boycott of Israel

BEIRUT (UPI). — The 38-nation Islamic foreign ministers conference in Tripoli has concluded a week of work with a call for all Moslem nations in the world to join the Arab boycott of Israel, Libya's Arab Revolutionary News Agency (ARNA) said yesterday.

The conference, which ended its eighth annual session on Sunday night, also declared in a final statement that peace in the Middle East could not be achieved until Israel withdrew from all Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Six Day War.

"The conference reaffirmed the close links which bind Moslems to the Holy City of Jerusalem and the responsibility of the Moslem states to secure its liberation and restoration to Arab rule," ARNA said.

## Nixon quit to 'cool down' Watergate

NEW YORK (AP). — Richard M. Nixon claimed in the final installment of his current television series that he resigned as U.S. President because "I wanted to get the whole Watergate obsession, which had then reached fever heat, cooled down," according to "Newsweek" magazine.

Nixon, explaining his resignation, made no reference to the impeachment proceedings then underway, but gives the impression his departure from the White House was voluntary, the magazine reported. Nixon said that two days before he resigned H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman recommended that he include pardons for everyone connected with Watergate with a general amnesty for Vietnam draft-dodgers and dissenters.

"I would like to have been able to have found a way to help," Nixon said, "but if my last act was to pardon everybody who was in Watergate... that would inflame the situation and also would obviously look like the ultimate cover-up."

## Three die in clash between Lebanese Christian militias

BEIRUT. — Three persons were killed and two wounded yesterday during internal fighting among Christian rightist militias in Southern Lebanon, reports from the south said.

The reports said three persons from the town of Klea died and two were injured in the fighting at Marjayoun, north of the Israeli border.

It was the first report of any internal conflict among the Christian militias of the south. Christian area commander Major Sa'ad Haddad reportedly intervened to stop the fighting, which a traveller from Marjayoun attributed to "the refusal of the men of Marjayoun to obey the orders of the armed men of Klea."

Tension was felt in the Sidon area as well after a soldier of the Arab peace-keeping force was injured on Sunday night when armed men smashed through a roadblock near the town of Jezzin. (Reuters, AP)

KIDNAPPING. — The Algerian-backed Polisario guerrilla movement acknowledged for the first time on Saturday that it is holding six French technicians kidnapped on May 2 in an attack on the Mauritanian iron mining centre of Zouerat.

## Moluccans seize Dutch train, schoolchildren

ZUDDLAREN, Holland (Reuters). — South Moluccan extremists waving machineguns yesterday took more than 100 children hostage in a Dutch village school and hijacked an express train, plunging Holland into a siege drama for the second time in 18 months.

Police believed that 106 children, with six teachers, were huddled at gunpoint in Bovensmilde village primary school near here. Meanwhile another gang was holding about 50 people in the inter-city train, about 20 kilometres away.

The gunmen are extremists from among the 40,000 South Moluccan exiles in Holland, who want Indonesia to make their islands independent.

In a nearly identical drama in December 1975, Moluccans seized a train, killing three people, and an Indonesian consulate. They held the train for 13 days. There was no immediate official word on any demands the gunmen might have made.

There were also no reports of any

casualties in the raids, which were staged a few minutes apart.

The train — Pan Inter-city Express 2 — from Rotterdam — was halted by two South Moluccans aboard — one a woman — on the main line from Rotterdam to Groningen. Then five more men jumped aboard.

Minutes later six or seven gunmen burst into Bovensmilde school just as the children got out their books and settled down to Monday-morning lessons.

The gunmen at the school later fired warning shots at anguished parents who tried to shout messages over a loud-hailer. They then herded the children and their teachers into a central building, freeing about a dozen South Moluccan pupils on the way (most of the 40,000 Moluccans live in this part of Holland).

More warning shots were fired by the gunmen on the hijacked train — at journalists and onlookers who tried to get close to it along the empty stretch of line south of Groningen.

## Bonn denies aiding Israel in uranium disappearance

BONN (UPI). — West Germany denied yesterday it had anything to do with the disappearance of 200 tons of uranium which is reported to have wound up in Israel.

Government spokesman Klaus Boelting called a "Time" magazine story of an Israeli-West German plot involving the uranium "a fantasy."

"The 'Time' report is completely without foundation," he told reporters. "There is no evidence of any German authorities having any connection with such a matter."

"Time" said on Sunday that the disappearance of the uranium from a Liberian registered freighter in 1968 was the result of a complex plot engineered by Israel with the cooperation of West Germany.

"Time" said the uranium was not hijacked as previously reported, but purchased by Israel through a complex series of third parties with the knowledge and approval of the West German government.

The operation was designed to disguise a secret purchase of uranium for the French-built nuclear reactor at Dimona, "Time" states.

The magazine says its six-column report was based on several weeks of investigation by a team of correspondents. Among the details which "Time" says it uncovered are the following:

The uranium deal was kept secret out of concern that an overt purchase might have pushed the Soviet Union into supplying nuclear arms to the Arab states.

The vessel involved was the German-built freighter "Scheersberg A" which was secretly owned at the time by Israel's secret service, the Mossad. It was one of three ships (another was called the Vital) that Israel used in the late 1960s for secret operations.

Executions in Manchuria

PEKING (Reuters). — Eight people have been sentenced to death in the Manchurian city of Shenyang, according to travellers recently in the area. They reported that an official execution notice posted up in



Dan Arbel, former Israeli agent who was involved in the Lillehammer affair, recently told a Norwegian district attorney that he had hijacked the mystery ship Scheersberg with its cargo of uranium.

(AP radiophoto)

The same vessel was "almost certainly involved" in the refuelling in the Atlantic of five gunboats supplied by Israel out of the French harbour of Cherbourg in 1968, says "Time."

Continuing the report of its investigation, the magazine also says Israel relied on assurances from the West German coalition government of Christian Democratic Chancellor Kurt-Georg Kiesinger for permission to disguise the purchase as a private commercial transaction in West Germany.

In exchange, Israel promised West Germany access to its advanced uranium separation process that can be used to produce nuclear weapons.

Shenyang stated that one of those condemned, a 24-year-old man, founded a movement called "The China Revolutionary Party" which had its own flag and symbol.

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## Pentagon abolishes top-secret spy unit

By BOB WOODWARD  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON. — The Pentagon is abolishing its crack, super-secret intelligence unit called Task Force 157.

Successful, controversial and extremely secretive, Task Force 157 is the U.S. military's only network of undercover agents and spies operating abroad using commercial and business "cover" for their espionage.

Run by the U.S. Navy for seven years in suburban Washington from the ninth floor of an Alexandria, Virginia, office building, the unit has recently been controlled as many as 75 contract agents or "spies for hire" who monitor the key ports of the world, Soviet vessels and the shipment of nuclear weapons. The current commander of the unit is navy Capt. Darryl Demaris.

One informed government source recently discussed the reasons for abolishing the unit: "The simple truth is that spies are too hot to handle... there were too many questionable business deals. They got the job done, but the potential for abuse was too great."

Pentagon and Central Intelligence Agency

spokesmen declined comment last week, saying that all matters relating to Task Force 157 are still classified.

Other sources maintain that the decision to close the unit reflects a sense of caution that is being applied to all U.S. intelligence operations.

Task Force 157 has been involved in some of the most sensitive intelligence missions of the last decade. The unit's top secret communications channel, for example, was used to set up then-U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's secret 1971 visit to China. The White House at the time considered it more secure from leaks than any such channels run by the CIA.

Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Thomas Moorer, was critical of the decision to abolish the unit, saying: "I think there have been requirements for this capability in the past and there will be cases in the future."

Task Force 157 was valued in the Pentagon because it was a small independent intelligence unit that could cut through red tape with speed and secrecy. Some Pentagon officials maintain an important capability is being lost not just to the navy but to the entire intelligence community.

However, following the congressional intelligence investigations, Pentagon officials found they lacked the means to fully control the agents working for the small companies or "cover" firms called "proprietary." Sources said numerous "cozy relationships" were discovered between the contract employees and firms selling equipment and supplies to Task Force 157.

The final decision to eliminate Task Force 157 was made last year and was ratified again this year by the Carter Administration.

All operations are to be transferred to the CIA or other intelligence agencies by the end of September, the sources said.

One of Task Force 157's highly classified assignments has been on occasion to monitor nuclear weapons shipments aboard Soviet and other vessels as they pass through strategic "choke points" or narrow passages on the oceans such as the Straits of Gibraltar.

The unit was involved in drawing up a report in 1973 saying the Soviets had shipped nuclear weapons into Egypt during the October Arab-Israeli war. That classified report leaked to the news media at the time.

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# Power in the Knesset

WRITERS AND READERS /  
Sraja Shapiro

THE NATION elects a Knesset to make the Laws by which people should live. And the Knesset chooses a Government to rule the Nation by the Laws the Knesset makes. And then the Knesset proceeds to put checks on the government, so that no government can do its duty and rule.

This is called the Crisis of Parliamentarism. Apparently, we are in good company, for the problem worries many an assembly of elected representatives, as can be seen from speakers who took part in a series of symposia on aspects of parliamentarism, sponsored by the Israel Parliamentary Association. The proceedings are now available in book-form, entitled "Sefer Barkat" in memory of the late Knesset Speaker who created the association in 1972 but did not live to see it at work. The six sessions held by the association were all chaired by Barkat's successor, Yisrael Yeshayahu, who also contributes a eulogy.

The device which enables the Knesset to thrust spokes in the government wheels is called "Committees." The Committees reflect the political divisions of the Knesset, with the result that the discussion of any bill which the committee is by law bound to examine follows the pattern of the general debate in the plenary. To satisfy the greatest number of objections, the bill is often so changed as to be unrecognizable when it comes up in the House for the final reading. Moshe Rosett, the first Knesset Clerk (now retired), and probably the only Knesset practitioner who had seen the Mother of Parliaments at work, believes that nowhere in the free world do parliamentary committees wield so much power as in our Knesset.

Not content with this, the Committees claim "real" power. They want to be able to tell the Ministers what to do. They want to check administrative measures before and after they are promulgated. They won a major victory with the press when the Knesset Speaker agreed to release full reports on their proceedings, which should have been secret but were in fact not by reason of a system of judicious "leakages" from indiscreet politicians.

Because the Government has an advantage over the Committees in having all the facts, while the MK feels he only gets bits of them, some members suggested that an independent body of experts be set up to provide the people's representatives with information. Indeed, the Knesset library is one of the finest in Israel. Reference books and current publications from many countries can be perused by the members on demand. But MKs are busy people. They have to keep contact with their party supporters, receive delegations, sit on committees, or travel abroad on national business.

The power of the Committees has increased through the impact of the opposition, which sensed that here was a way to undermine the authority of the "ruling party," that is Mapai. The process was abated by the smaller coalition parties, as well as Mapai representatives on the Committees who felt they were wielding power while the authority of the party headquarters was on the wane. In England, it may be remembered, parliamentarism developed as a means to curb the administrative authority of the King. In Israel, the political wars were waged against the authority of a party.

If one listened carefully to the mood of the public over the past few years, one could not fail to recognize a sense of disgust with government weakness. It was the same mood which led the Germans of the Weimar republic to cast a protest vote against a government which was unable to rule. A similar malaise paralysed the Fifth Republic leaders in France and led to the return of De Gaulle. In taking a historian's look at the recent elections to the Knesset, one cannot but interpret the result as an indication of the popular wish to see the country run in an orderly way.

Knesset members please note.

# Can Schmidt survive?

By JOHN DORNBERG  
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MUNICH. — Seven months after squeaking back into office with a paper-thin margin, a nagging question continues to loom over West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's left-liberal coalition government of Social and Free Democrats.

Can it possibly survive a full four year term? Lately the prospects have become increasingly dismal. To be sure, Schmidt has a rare gift for packaging his real problems in a wrapping of poise and promise. He invariably exudes an air of confidence bordering on cocksureness. And in London for the recent summit he offered a persistent denial, smile no less flashing than President Jimmy Carter's, with whom, moreover, he hit it off surprisingly well.

But one can't help wondering what he has to smile about. Oddly enough, the coalition is not threatened — at least not yet — by a serious rift between Schmidt's Social Democrats and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher's small but crucially vital Free Democratic Party.

But it is becoming increasingly evident that this partnership, now in its seventh year, has turned into a primarily paper marriage of convenience, held together largely by the absence of suitable or viable alternatives for either partner.

Much less is there any meaningful challenge from the opposition-Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) who came within six seats of an absolute majority in parliament during last October's general election. They appear more lacklustre, leaderless and in greater disarray than ever.

However, their man Helmut Kohl may yet find himself Chancellor of West Germany, and sooner even than he dreams, largely by default.

The troubles are mainly within the Social Democratic Party itself. It is a party afflicted and enfeebled by corruption scandals, nepotism, displays of incompetence, deep ideological divisions and tactical warfare; a party sceptical and even contemptuous of its own leadership, barely tolerant of the chancellor whose pragmatism helped keep it in power last October, and seemingly intent upon committing political suicide.

Those troubles were never more apparent, nor multiplied in quicker succession, than during the past few weeks — especially in those areas of the country where the Social Democrats have their traditional roots and have been in power longest, or as some observers maintain, too long.

One example is the state of Hesse where the Social Democrats have run things without interruption since 1945.

Last autumn the state's Social Democratic prime minister, Albert Oetwald, had to resign because of his involvement in a huge financial scandal. Three weeks ago he was also forced to step down as state party chairman. During municipal elections earlier this year, the Social Democrats were routed from nearly

every city hall in Hesse, including Frankfurt's.

In West Berlin last month another financial affair, though minor and inconsequential by comparison with Hesse's, triggered the fall of Governing Mayor Klaus Schütz and his entire cabinet. Were elections to be called in Berlin now, the Social Democrats would be lucky to win 35 per cent of the popular vote.

Other troubles with the left have also brought Schmidt and the party's national leadership on a collision course with the Juso, the Social Democratic youth organization.

At their national convention two months ago the Young Socialists — an organization that includes every party member under the age of 35 — elected a radical as their chairman. Two weeks ago he was suspended from party membership — an initial procedural step toward expulsion from the party. At issue are his far left views and statements, including his announced willingness to cooperate with Communists, which are incompatible with party rules and policy.

The most serious confrontation, however, is just shaping up — over Schmidt's atomic energy plans to which a small but vociferous and politically powerful group of anti-nuclears are opposed. As Schmidt sees it, full employment and economic recovery will depend on economic growth which can only be achieved through a greater energy supply — primarily atomic.

In the state of Schleswig-Holstein, where atomic energy is as popular as the bubonic plague, party leaders are



Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

(Unipix)

plotting Schmidt's fall over this issue. They plan to break party discipline by voting against the upcoming budget bill in parliament because it includes a \$59 million allocation for fast breeder research. It would take only six of Schleswig-Holstein's ten Social Democratic deputies in Bonn to defeat the budget, and with it the entire government.

That may be what some Social Democrats want. They would like to see their party out of power because they believe that it will be able to regenerate itself and clean up its own house only by going into opposition.

Schmidt's personal popularity remains high, but that of his party is at low ebb. Fortunately for Schmidt, he doesn't have to go to the polls. Not yet. Perhaps that is why he keeps smiling, though some sceptics maintain that he's merely gritting his teeth.

He is apparently determined to keep pushing his policies, with or without the party's support. As a result he looks increasingly like a chancellor without a party, or as some say, a very able captain with a foundering ship. The big question in West Germany is not whether but when it will sink.

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## Designer at 18

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / Joanna Yehiel

THE MIT-SOOM-SOOM line of boutiques, selling exclusive classical wear, mainly for evening, has been with us for some time. Even the newest, in Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda St., is some 18 months old. Recently, I noticed that over the "Mit-soom-soom" sign here another one, "MS", had appeared. I went in this week to investigate.

"Well, we're both," said original owner Rachel Rudner. "What's really happened is that we're selling both Mit-soom-soom clothes and those designed by my new partner."

That is how I met new partner-designer Irit Yemini. When you see this slim, delicately-tufted girl, you'll understand my first (not very polite) question: "How old are you?"

"Almost 18," she told me. "But

I've been designing dresses for a long time."

I must have looked amazed, because she added: "At least three years."

I first appeared at Mit-soom-soom for a sale of her own design dresses for sale — as she had been doing for many boutiques in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Rachel liked their simple but imaginative lines and put some in the shop.

"And they sold like hot cakes... Everything she makes sells immediately. They hardly sit on the rail for more than a day. She makes young stuff. And that's what sells," Rachel told me.

Rachel herself was wearing an Irit dress (selling under an MS label); a bright mélange of red and green Gruzini print, cut wide across the shoulder, narrow at the waist and then wide again from hip to calf, giving her a swaying gypsy look. It cost IL380; low by 1977 prices.

Irit has worked a lot with the Gruzini fabrics (although of course, in this she's very far from being the first: Gypsy Boutique used them years ago), incorporating them into dresses and blouses with other prints, or with cream cotton jersey. Her other fabrics are a hand-printed (yes, it's washable, she assured me) cotton jersey cut into dresses or T-shirts (IL70), and light-as-air French gauze, also with dramatic prints.

THE SHOP is still selling Doreen Frankfurter's lovely designs for Mit-soom-soom, and regular clients won't buy anything else. Prices are on the high side — IL750 for lovely delicate cotton batiste suits in an array of flower prints for example — but Doreen has always chosen her fabrics carefully, with an eye to good quality, and one doesn't buy a Mit-soom-soom dress for just a few months.

As Rachel put it: "Doreen has her clients who won't buy anywhere else. And her styles are the kind of classical elegance that doesn't go out of fashion very fast."

Meanwhile, what has obviously caught the imagination of Jerusalem is the work of new partner Irit. As Rachel told me, "She has a long way ahead of her."



For evening wear by Mit-soom-soom. (Kuehler — Photo Sigon)

## Mozart ala Barenboim

MUSIC REVIEW

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Subscription concert No.3, second programme: Daniel Barenboim, conductor and pianist (Tel-Aviv, Maza Auditorium, May 14). Mozart: Concerto No.26 in D Major for Piano and Orchestra, K. 587 ("Coronation"); Beethoven: "Symphonie fantastique."

THE TWO PARTS of this concert necessitate completely different evaluations. As a pianist, Barenboim again proved himself a master-interpreter of Mozart, radiating within the limits of the style a stunning wealth of expression. The intimate, more reflective lines, the sparkling virtuosic passages, the simple, almost naive second movement, and finally the slightly exterior glamour of the Allegretto, were all moments of vision and poetry. Conducting from the keyboard, Barenboim also created a complete unity of conception which beautifully integrated the orchestral and piano parts.

As conductor in the second part of the concert, Barenboim emerged as less successful. Though the "Fantastique" is slowly but surely becoming a piece of programme music, it can still occasionally be a highly effective piece de resistance. But Barenboim tried to make it too effective. He applied provocative tempi, occasionally turned loudness into noisiness and neglected, possibly by intention, certain details. There was

also a heaviness of orchestral sound and textures seemed occasionally slightly blurred. In any case there was little to disperse a feeling of banality.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

THE HAIFA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA — Camilla Kotschinskaya conductor: The Haifa Chamber Choir, directed by J. Friedman (Haifa Auditorium, May 15). I. Israel: "Zichronet Yerushalaim"; D. Aronowicz: "Yerushalaim."

CAMILLA Kotschinskaya skillfully conducted the first performance of two compositions. Itzhak Israel's "Mount Zion," "David," "Tower" and "Haasidic Joy" (8 fragments), are very simple folkloristic pieces, quite naively orchestrated. Dan Aaronowicz's "Yerushalaim" (originally a Cappella) contains various classical, impressionistic and dodecaphonic fragments that alternate appropriately to express melodically the beautiful lyrics written by Chaim Grade and translated into Hebrew by Zalman Shazar. Both Orchestra and choir, with the guidance of the composer, gave a good and convincing performance.

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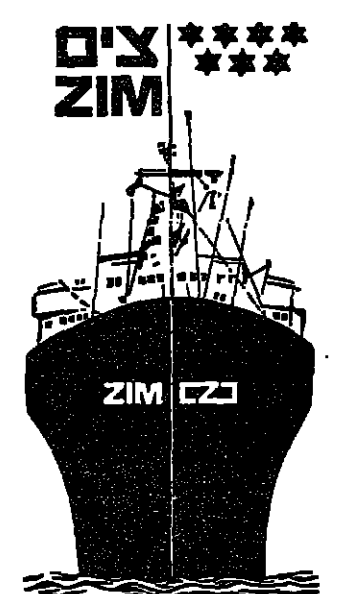
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Boyal: Who Raped Linda 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; Cinema: Operation Thunderbolt 4.30, 7, 9.30; Tel Aviv: The Cassandra Crossing 4, 7, 9.30

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Amphitheater: The Cassandra Crossing 4, 6.30, 9.15; Armon: Let's Blow a Million 4, 6.30, 9.15; Atzmon: Seven Nights in Japan: Cinema: Brannigan: Miroslav: Express: six non-stop perla. Mariah: 21 Hours at Munich 6.45, 9; Oran: A Star is Born 4, 6.30, 9.25

Orion: Casanova 77: six non-stop perla. Gaby: The Magic Flute 7, 9.15; Katherina Bloom 6.45, 9; Peer: Network 4, 6.30, 9; Operation Thunderbolt 4, 6.45, 9.15; Shavit: Nightmovies: Only Mon. 8.45, 9.25. 6.45 no perla. other nights: Ramat Aviv: 7.15, 9.30

Armon: The Bad News Bears 4, 7.15, 9.30; Hadassah: Sweet Movie: Lili: Silent Movie: Ordeas: Operation Thunderbolt 4, 6.30, 9.15; L'Annee Sainte: Ramat Aviv: I will ... for you; Ramat: Dress your flesh with Desire: Wed. also at 4.30; Pelah Tzvi: Shalom: The Taking of Pelham 1, 2, 3, 7.15, 9.15, Tues. only 7.15

Netanya: Esther: Lipstick 4.30, 7, 9.15; David: A Star is born 7, 9.30; Tileret: Let's Blow a Million 7.15, 9.15; Jerusalem 4, 7, 9

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# World sports roundup

## MOTOR RACING

**MONTE CARLO (Reuters).** — South African Jody Scheckter took a firm grip on the world motor racing championship with a narrow victory in his Wolf Ford at the Monaco Grand Prix on Sunday.

Scheckter took the chequered flag less than a second ahead of Austrian Niki Lauda after a duel between the two drivers threatened to rob him of the lead he had held from start to finish.

"In the second to last lap the engine cut out completely," he told reporters. "I knew Lauda was gaining but I wasn't worried. I can run as fast as he can."

Scheckter's second Grand Prix win of the season, for a Wolf team which only entered the circuit this year, gives him 32 points in drivers' championship — seven ahead of Lauda.

Lauda's Ferrari team mate Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, who finished third Sunday, is in the number three spot with 23 points.

For Britain it was another luckless day. He abandoned his apparently ill-fated McLaren during the 25th lap, saying the engine had blown up. **INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana (AP).** — Janet Guthrie, slowed by mechanical difficulties and hounded by hordes of the disbelieving and curious for two years, became the first woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 on Sunday with a four-lap average of 188.468 miles per hour. The 39-year-old physician-turned-race driver was first in line for a qualification attempt on Sunday as the 33-car field for the 500-mile race was completed.

## BASEBALL

**NEW YORK (AP).** — Dave Parker drove in five runs with a grand slam home and a solo shot to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 11-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday in a battle of National League division leaders.

Don Sutton, who started for the West-leading Dodgers, yielded a three-run homer to Omar Moreno in the Pirates' four-run second inning, and left the game after Pirate pitcher John Candelaria singled home the first run in Pittsburgh's five-run fourth.

Parker's grand slam came off reliever Al Downing and capped the fourth-inning scoring.

Candelaria raised his record to 6-0 with relief help from Kent Tekulve and Rich Gossage. He yielded a solo homer to Dusty Baker in the fifth and left after a bases-empty blast by Lee Lacy in the eighth.

Lacy's homer pulled the Dodgers within 9-3 of the East leaders. But Parker and Al Oliver opened the Pirates' eighth with consecutive solo home runs off Elias Sosa.

In other National League action, the Montreal Expos ended an 11-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the San Diego Padres behind Steve Rogers' six-hit, 11-strikeout performance.

A two-run homer by Jeff Burroughs and a two-run triple by Gary Matthews backed Andy Messersmith's return to the Atlanta lineup as the Braves defeated the Chicago Cubs 5-2.

Jim Barr and Gary Lavelle teamed for a seven-inning pitching the San Francisco Giants to a 2-0 triumph over the St. Louis Cardinals with the aid of Gary Thomasson's solo home run. Larry Bowa drove in three runs with a pair of doubles as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Houston Astros 5-3.

Johnny Bench slammed his fourth home run in 10 games and drove in four runs to power the Cincinnati Reds to an 8-1 victory over the New York Mets in the first game of a doubleheader. Mike Phillips singled home the winning run in the 11th to lead the Mets to a 4-3 victory in the second game.

In the American League, right-hander Jim Bibby scattered seven hits while Buddy Bell had four hits including a home run as the Cleveland Indians blasted the Kansas City Royals 7-1.

Jason Thompson drove in five runs with a homer, a triple and a sacrifice fly to spoil Wilbur Wood's comeback as the Detroit Tigers defeated the Chicago White Sox 14-3.

George Scott's grand slam, the 11th home run of the record-

equalling game, capped a seven-run Boston eighth inning and powered the Boston Red Sox to a 14-10 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in the first game of a doubleheader. Eduardo Rodriguez fired a two-hitter in the nightcap as Milwaukee took a 6-0 decision.

Rookie Eddie Murray delivered the winning hit for the third game in a row, a tie-breaking two-run single off struggling Catfish Hunter, that led Rudi May and the Baltimore Orioles to a 5-1 victory over the New York Yankees in the opening game of a doubleheader. The Yankees won the second game as Craig Nettles drove in three runs with a homer and a double.

Craig Kusick's three-run homer in the sixth inning highlighted a five-run rally that carried Minnesota past California. Dan Meyer drove in three runs and three Seattle pitchers combined for a three-hitter as Seattle beat the Oakland A's.

## American League East

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	20	15	.571	—
Boston	20	16	.556	1 1/2
New York	21	17	.553	1 1/2
Milwaukee	21	20	.512	2 1/2
Detroit	17	20	.458	4
Toronto	17	22	.436	5
Cleveland	14	21	.400	6
West				
Minnesota	25	14	.641	—
Chicago	22	15	.595	2
Texas	18	16	.529	4 1/2
Kansas	19	21	.475	6 1/2
Kansas City	15	20	.432	7
Oakland	18	21	.462	7
Seattle	16	23	.409	11 1/2

## Sunday's Games

West  
Baltimore 5-3, New York 1-4  
Boston 16-0, Milwaukee 10-6  
Detroit 14, Chicago 3  
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 1  
Minnesota 8, California 5  
Seattle 6, Oakland 2  
Toronto at Texas, (N)

## BOWLS

**WORTHING, England (Reuters).** — Starting 3, 4, 3, Israel's Helen Gordon won her fourth series singles match in tremendous style at the third women's world bowls championships here in Sunday. She overcame the previously undefeated Helen Wong of Hong Kong 21-3 leading 19-1 after only nine ends.

## BOXING

**MONTE CARLO (AP).** — Miguel Cuello's capture of the vacant Light Heavyweight Championship has set up the first attempt ever by a boxer from a Communist country to win a world professional boxing title.

Cuello's ninth round knockout victory over Jesse Burnett of Los Angeles on Saturday resulted in immediate talks between the Argentine fighter's handlers and the manager of Mate Parlov, the Yugoslav boxer and former Olympic champion who has been designated by the World Boxing Council as the man Cuello must fight within 90 days.

## TRACK AND FIELD

**SOUTHAMPTON, England (AP).** — Geoff Capes of England produced the world's best shot put so far this year at an athletics meeting here on Sunday — 20.980 metres with his first put.

He beat European indoor champion Hreinn Halldorsson of Iceland, who reached 20.31 metres and Wladyslaw Komar of Poland, who reached 19.99 metres.

The world record of 21.51 metres was set by Al Feuerbach of the United States in 1973.

In other events at the meeting held to mark the opening of a new sports track here, Polish triple Olympic gold medalist Irena Sewinska won the women's 200 metres in 22.5 seconds.

Her compatriot, Olympic 3,000 metres silver medalist Bron Malinowski, dominated the mile event to win in 4 minutes, 7.5 seconds.

British Olympic runner Alan Pascoe, who planned an assault on the British 200 metres hurdles record, was leading the field into the home straight when he pulled a hamstring muscle and was unable to finish.

## SOCCER PREVIEW

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV.** — Two State Cup soccer semi-final games will attract a large crowd to the Ramat Gan Stadium this afternoon, where the first game between Tel Aviv Betar and Acre Hapoel will start at 4.00 p.m.

The second game between Tel Aviv Maccabi and Netanya Maccabi will follow immediately, but no time for kick off can be given, as the first game may go to 30 minutes of extra time if the teams are level after 90 minutes.

Tel Aviv Betar and Tel Aviv Maccabi start as favorites to reach the finals. Betar have been in fine form for the past six weeks and with Romano and Sharabany as strikers well supported by Topolansky and Rosental, they appear to have the edge over the Acre and Hapoel brothers, who are the backbone of the Acre Hapoel team.

In the Tel Aviv Maccabi versus Netanya Maccabi clash, the result will depend on which set of forwards click better on the day. It will be Peretz, Tabak and Mizrahi opposite Spigler, Machnes and Lavie, and there appears little in it in what promises to provide an attractive Cup match.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### RABBI KAHANE

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — With Ernest Stock's article against Rabbi Kahane (May 10), The Post has sunk to an unbelievable level.

Dr. Stock is within his democratic rights to use a quarter of The Post's back page for a spiteful tirade against a candidate for the Knesset. But who is he to question the validity of Rabbi Kahane's possession of the title "Rabbi"? To suggest that the rabbinate be withdrawn from this rabbi among rabbis is the height of audacity. It would be just as tempting for one to suggest that Dr. Stock's doctorate was unearned because his opinions irk one.

Dr. Stock insists that a rabbi should not be active in politics. Shall we get rid of all the rabbis in the N.R.P. and Aguda? Rabbis are citizens too, and citizens are permitted political activity.

Finally, I challenge anyone to say that Rabbi Kahane's activities are not motivated by sincere love of the Jewish people and dedication to Judaism.

**DEBORAH FREEMAN**  
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Almost every week for more than a year, Arab students on the West Bank have demonstrated, rioted, burned and thrown stones and food at shops and to close their stores. Usually no reason for the riots is given, or even necessary. Occasionally, excuses are given, such as VAT, continuing Israeli "occupation," etc. Recently, another excuse was offered for the day's disturbances: Rabbi Meir Kahane.

This summer, when schools are let out for summer vacation, we will undoubtedly be treated to almost continuous spectacles of mayhem on TV. I hope that the authorities will not continue their desperate search for Israeli (i.e. vulnerable) scapegoats and will stop arresting Jews whose only crime is love for their homeland.

**MOSHE YUDKOWSKY**  
Jerusalem.

### GIFT PACKAGES

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — On February 27, I woke up with a long-distance collect call from Israel begging me once and for ever not to send any more gifts to any family member in Israel. The reason is that, instead of being happy to receive the gifts, they are frustrated on account of custom duty. It was just too much to learn that for two small dolls worth a total of \$10, my parents had to pay IL300, or the equivalent of \$30.

I am writing you with the hope that my letter will be published so that people overseas will know what a burden it is for Israelis to receive gifts and the reason why they cannot enjoy them.

Incidentally, I read in The Jerusalem Post that, on gifts up to \$10, there is no duty. Is that so?

**ELIE D. CHEZIT**  
De des Soeurs, P.Q., Canada.  
The Ministry of Finance replies:  
According to law, duty must be paid on goods imported by sea, air or parcel post. The only exception is in the case of goods brought in by parcel post: if customs do not exceed IL30, payment is waived.

As to the amount of customs charged, the recipient of the package is entitled to lodge an appeal at the post office branch where the package arrived; in this case, customs are reassessed in the presence of the recipient if he so desires.

In this specific case, nothing can be done if the package has been cleared.

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## CLOSURE OF A SYNAGOGUE

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — We, the inhabitants of the cooperative building where the N.R.P. opened a synagogue that was closed by order of the Supreme Court, believe that Rabbi Yitzhak Hacohen Weinberg distorted the facts of the case in his letter of May 5.

All of the families (except one) were living in the house before the synagogue was opened and are still living here. When a very small synagogue was started about 10 years ago, we tried to find a modus vivendi that would allow us to live with the synagogue in our building. We applied to the court and got a settlement that was agreed to at that time. However, the N.R.P. and the worshippers constantly increased their activities. They started to hold meetings and parties of all sorts, including music and dancing inside the synagogue and outside in the yard and on our lawn. This is a residential area. A year ago, they even enlarged the synagogue to accommodate about 200 worshippers and children — without even receiving a permit from the municipality.

The fact that the worshippers lost their case at three judicial levels speaks for itself.

**THE INHABITANTS OF THE COOPERATIVE**  
Netanya.

**THANKS TO HADASSAH**  
*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — Nearly ten years ago, I brought my infant son to Hadassah Hospital, but despite the devoted efforts and intensive care given to him, he died. Before this, four other children of ours had also died in this way, shortly after birth. A thorough investigation of the case was made. A year later, thanks to the supervision given her during pregnancy in the Maternity Department, my wife gave birth to a healthy child. Since then four more children have been added to our family.

Last month, one of our children was taken ill and brought to Hadassah for treatment, and I found the same devoted care and humanitarian attitude as before, for which I am most grateful. **GHALIB MOHAMMED AL DARIYA**  
Beit Fajjar (near Bethlehem).

### POLISH JEWS' DEMANDS

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — A few weeks ago, your London correspondent reported a major breakthrough in Poland's attitude towards Jewish claims in a statement made by the Polish Consul-General in London at a meeting with leaders of the Association of Polish Jews in Britain.

However, it is clear from the report submitted by a delegation of the Federation of Jewish Jews in Paris following a similar meeting with the Polish Consul-General in Paris that the reply to the six demands put forward a year earlier by the Polish Jewish World Federation was highly unsatisfactory. This report was published in "Unser Wort," the Paris Yiddish daily, on March 28.

**S. FEISNER, Honorary Life President.**  
Polish Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association  
London.

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — I am a Jewish resident of this country and on April 30, I returned from a brief trip abroad to Ben-Gurion Airport. Upon alighting from the aircraft, I and several other passengers (all Israeli Arabs) were surrounded by a ring of security guards and, without explanation, were forced to give up our passports and remain on the landing strip. At the same time, the security guards were busy rounding up anyone who seemed Arab by appearance, in an aggressive and disrespectful manner.

During the long wait outside, my passport was not opened, and when I was interrogated in a special security room in the airport, it came to light that I was *kosher* in the eyes of the security people, who apologized with astonishment.

In a state that prides itself on equal rights for all citizens, in interrogation and humiliation of people on the basis of their outward appearance is shocking and I want to express my indignation and protest against the degradation inflicted on my fellow Arab citizens at Ben-Gurion Airport.

**DR. TRISTAN TROUDART**  
Jerusalem.

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The attention of the public and institutions is drawn to the fact that there is no possibility for presenting proposals for discussion that are received after this date.

## HOW TO COMBAT EROSION OF U.S. SUPPORT

*To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post*  
Sir, — I am certainly not the only one who is concerned with the serious erosion of support for Israel on the diplomatic front, even within the United States. It is true that very influential members of the American establishment have been steadfast in their support of Israel, and will, we hope, continue in this manner. But even the support of the most pro-Israel official is not going to be reliable for very long unless the American public is willing to support or at least tolerate such attitudes.

There are certain facts that the Israel Government and the Zionist organizations should present to the American public on a constant basis, by press, radio and TV; by paid advertisements and by spokesmen who appear on key programmes. 1. An independent Arab state in Palestine exists as of now: its name is Jordan.

2. Until 1967, nobody, not even the PLO, called for an independent Arab state on the West Bank; that is just a device to deny Israel its 1967 victory.

**A. JOSEPH BEBLAU**  
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## New focus on Begin

ISRAELIS of all shades of political persuasion are surely wishing Menachem Begin, the victorious Likud leader, a speedy and permanent recovery.

If, as the medical bulletin suggests, Mr. Begin has merely over-exerted himself during the past several days, he might be well advised therefore to go at a slower pace. It is no secret, after all — although it was for a while during the election campaign — that Mr. Begin suffered a heart attack only recently.

True, he has bounced back with such vim and vigour as would put to shame many a younger man similarly stricken. Apparently, however, he has thrown himself back into the political fray a trifle too early and with a bit too much gusto.

Hopefully Mr. Begin's condition will not delay the formation of a new coalition. A long hiatus in the shaping up of a new administration would have regrettable consequences.

It hardly needs to be recalled that the party which won the largest number of votes in last week's elections, Mr. Begin's own, is committed, as a matter of principle, to nothing less than a complete overhaul of traditional policies. What would this mean in practice?

Israel's enemies, predictably enough, are insisting, at least in public, that it does not make any difference whether the Alignment or the Likud is at the helm. But Israel's friends — and, not least, the people of Israel themselves — are eager, as well as entitled, to know, without undue delay, just how much continuity and how much change they can in fact expect under the new regime.

Some highly pertinent questions about the Begin administration's future course, notably on the political disposition and the current treatment of Judea and Samaria, were aired by Prime Minister Rabin during a television interview last Friday. The only man who could answer these questions authoritatively would be Prime Minister Begin, at the helm of a new government.

## The right to vote

THE SHOCK of last week's electoral upset has served to obscure the memory of the many hitches, as they were termed, which bedevilled the voting process this year.

It is estimated that around 70,000 otherwise qualified voters were denied the right to vote due to bureaucratic obstacles placed in their way — or not removed in time — by the Ministry of the Interior. Had these ballots been actually cast, they would have accounted for five Knesset seats.

Whether this would have altered the results of the elections in any meaningful political way is, at best, a matter for conjecture. But the possibility alone makes it mandatory that the subject be given high priority among topics for future study — even apart from the profoundly constitutional issue of the deprivation of an inalienable democratic right from hosts of citizens.

The official explanations cited for the so-called hitches have had to do with difficulties in updating the voters' register, and with mechanical computer errors. Some outside observers, however, have also been struck by what seemed to them an extraordinary lethargy on the part of the Ministry of the Interior in remedying the difficulties and correcting the errors.

If, as is widely believed, the Ninth Knesset will adopt electoral reform based on some form of constituency elections, the problem of the unwarranted disqualification of voters will become all the more acute.

The problems involved here are roughly the same as those which affect the length of time it takes to prepare unscheduled elections. It has long been argued that there is no good reason for these preparations to take the standard 4 to 5 months, and that elections can easily be readied, as in other democracies, within 6 to 8 weeks at most. This argument should now be buttressed by recollection of the public's utter disgust with the character of the last protracted campaign.

What is needed is a public commission, preferably made up of retired politicians and of experts from both the bench and the academy, to propose an omnibus package of legal and administrative reforms, to simplify the entire electoral process. The commission should take up proposals for a new fool-proof identity card to establish voters' eligibility; the option of voting in double envelopes, as is done in the army, for doubtful cases; the introduction of ballot machines; and the recognition of the franchise of Israelis overseas — in addition to the few hundred seamen who have won that right — and of the thousands of citizens who happen to be bed-ridden in hospitals on election day.

Our present-day voting procedures were set in what was literally a different age. One of the tasks which the new regime just voted into office should undertake is to modernize, simplify and democratize these outworn procedures.

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## VIEWPOINT / DAVID KRIVINE

# Back to basics with the Likud

WHEN THE NATION voted Likud into power, it did not pronounce that the West Bank and Gaza shall become inextricably part of Israel "to the last ell" in all eternity. That was not the subject on the electoral agenda.

What happened last Tuesday was a change in emphasis, a change of priorities, a change (almost) in the philosophy of social behaviour, that affects every detail of the nation's political life.

The people are fed up with the last administration's failure to govern. After running the country's affairs successfully and aggressively, often in a high-handed manner, for over half a century, the historic worker parties suddenly lost their grip. The break came in 1973. The Yom Kippur War was a victory for Israel, against all the odds. It was a defeat for Labour.

Perhaps the party had suddenly got tired; or it lacked leadership; or the inner faith, that had inspired it for so long, ebbed away. Up till 1973, Israel had dominated events; after that date others took over. Israel was on the receiving end. During the October war, our forces were on the point of despatching Egypt's Third Army, an achievement which would have turned the initial reverses into a shattering victory. Dr. Kissinger told us to desist, and we desisted.

We withdrew from territories occupied in Egypt and Syria — and got no credit for it. The world has forgotten we were ever there. Rabin's Government retreated yet again, giving up Abu Rodeis, the Gidi, the Mifla. Now we are awaiting Geneva, to hear what else must be surrendered. We do not say what our borders shall be; others (perhaps President Carter) will tell us. It is unnerving.

IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, the same paralysis of the will prevails. The Government has no authority over the Histadrut. The Histadrut has no authority over the unions, the unions have no authority over the workers' committees. Signed contracts are ignored, the law is broken with impunity. Policies agreed by the Government and the Histadrut are blown to the winds by any group of wild men who choose to impose their will upon the nation.

Here and there, professional politicians, once purer than gold, are found to have taken a cut. Leaders preoccupy themselves with jostling for power. Pupils in a school north of Tel Aviv smoke pot.

The reaction against all this was in three directions, towards the DMC, the NRP, and Likud; which means (respectively) towards a new leadership; towards social discipline, based on traditional Jewish values; and towards a respect for authority.

The electorate wants a Government which will govern; that is the long and the short of it. It involves a withdrawal from the permissive, indulgent approach that is familiar in our times, back towards the more old-fashioned virtues. Menachem Begin is reminiscent, with the passing years, of his old rival and foe, Ben-Gurion. He has faith, he sticks to his principles, he does not shift with the tides. He feels primordial emotions — love for the country, love for the land. He expresses these emotions warmly, as modern politicians like Rabin and Peres cannot.

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This is what the nation seeks again, the enthusiasms of the past, the feeling that the Jewish people, after endless generations of impotence in the Diaspora, controls its destinies once more. It is a change of mood, and requires a fresh attitude at the political level on each and every issue.

THE ISSUE that holds the world's attention is the occupied territories. What shall Israel's frontiers be? The change here is not from one extreme to the other. We have not jumped from Love Eilat's policy of total withdrawal to Begin's policy in one ell. The alternatives are less radical. The man-in-the-street recognises that there must be some latitude over the vexed question of geographical demarcations. What concerns him is the posture adopted by the State in face of the negotiations which lie ahead. The choice is between the euphoric, selfless internationalist ideology currently championed by left-wing parties (at home and abroad), and the squarely Zionist stand, that was unquestioned even among left-wing groupings in Israel until not long ago.

The modern "progressive" view, which seems to have infected the somewhat inarticulate ratiocinations of the Alignment, is that there are two Palestinian nationalities, not one — the Arab and the Jewish. The Arabs are entitled to the West Bank and Gaza as of right, because they have just as good a claim to Palestine as the Jews.

The Zionist stand, embodied in the principles of the Likud, is that Palestine is the national home of the Jewish people. The Arab people have many national homes, nearly all recently acquired. Palestine is not one of them. The Arabs possess civil rights and social rights as residents in Palestine, they do not have the right of separate political ownership over any part of the country.

That is the traditional Zionist view, as understood by Weizmann, Ben-Gurion, Ben-Zurion, and every other Jew, at least up to 1948. Palestine had already been divided between the two sides. Transjordan Palestine went to the Arabs, West Palestine to the Jews. Eretz-Israel comprises the totality of the small territory which lies between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River.

This plain, distinct affirmation, rooted in everybody's Jewish past, is a refreshing substitute for the vague manderings heard since 1967 about Israel's entitlement to "defensible borders" (which have — naturally — prompted offers from abroad of electronic devices instead, and military guarantees, and demilitarised zones, making confusion in Israeli minds worse confounded).

People want clarity and decision. They do not like the apologetics, the dilly-dallying. They are weary of not

knowing just where their homeland is, of waiting endlessly to discover what belongs to the Jewish people and what does not. They rallied to the man who says today what he said thirty years ago — the man who knew then and knows now what Israel consists of, what its frontiers are, and who it belongs to.

WHICH DOES NOT MEAN that nothing will be surrendered in negotiation with the Arabs. The Likud is keen to deal. But the deal is about a peace treaty, not about the national rights of the Palestinians. The negotiation is with Syria, Jordan and Egypt, about frontiers between Israel and those countries, not with so-called Palestinians, about creating a new state in the zone.

Should a peace treaty be hammered out, based on the Allon Plan or the Yadin formula, and would such a treaty be submitted for approval in a national referendum, a great majority of the electorate would give it support. The treaty could be negotiated either by an Alignment-led coalition, or by a Likud-led coalition. The difference is this, that the Likud would see itself as surrendering a part of the Jewish national home in return for a peace treaty.

I am not giving here the official policy of the Likud. They have not spelled this out, because they do not believe that, at the present time, there is any possibility of "selling" the Allon or Yadin plans to the Arabs (and I fear they may be right). It must not be forgotten that the Likud is itself a federation of different parties, some more hawkish, some less.

What they share in common is an understanding that Israel is bargaining about its survival, in face of the greatest pressure applied by the Western world on one small democracy since the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia in 1938.

The task is not to find favour in the eyes of the Gentiles, who would — understandably — like to sweep the whole Israel problem under the carpet. The duty of the Government is to give away as little territory as possible in return for as much peace as possible. That requires an aggressive stance in the bargaining sessions.

The point is that nobody (except perhaps Rabbi Meir Kahane) favours a policy of absolute and total rigidity over frontiers. What people want is to restore the initiative into Israel's hands — in all spheres. We should stop stuttering and hesitating; we have made enough ingratiating gestures. We endlessly argue, and never decide. It is true in labour relations, in the educational field, in the handling of social problems, in the management of the economy — and in foreign affairs.

What the public expects from Begin is not so much different solutions, as different ways of presenting the same solution. C'est le ton qui fait la musique. He will offer peace, not beg for it.

The team that he leads to the negotiating table will not be more talented than their predecessors, but they will be more forthright, more confident, more naive perhaps, more optimistic. Their advantages are two. First, they are new to the game, and have not yet grown stale. Second, they are bolstered by an obstinate belief, unshaken despite the passage of time, in the truth and validity of those age-old dogmas, which motivated the Return to Zion.

## Dry Bones



### POSTSCRIPTS

THE GREAT art collection, at Mentmore Towers in the English county of Buckinghamshire, assembled mainly by Baron Meyer de Rothschild, is up for sale. The owner, Lord Roseberry, has been forced to sell in order to pay the death duties on his father's estate, an Omsa story reports.

The Rothschild connection began when one of the Roseberrys married into "The Family" and the Baron had Mentmore Towers built for the young couple in 1854 according to the plans of Joseph Paxton who had built the famous Crystal Palace.

The present Lord Roseberry first offered the house and the art collection to the British Government for three million pounds sterling in part payment of £4.5 million death duties. The offer was rejected on the grounds that the upkeep would be too costly. So Lord Roseberry turned to the auctioneering firm of Sotheby's.

One expert has estimated that the contents of the house could fetch ten million sterling if sold by auction. Among the items are Marie Antoinette's milking pail, Rubens' first-place and the only sporting picture painted by Gainsborough.

British Minister for the Environment Peter Shore, to whom Lord Roseberry first turned, is reported to have said that he couldn't understand "why the nation should be concerned about French furniture collected by a Jew."

WE MAY NOT always agree with everything that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim says. But he surely deserves credit for the gently ironic understatement of his recent comment on the workings of the Security Council.

"I would be less than frank with you," he told a recent meeting of the American U.N. Association in New York, "if I were to pretend that the influence of the Security Council is commensurate with the number of meetings it holds."

NAHARIYA reports the arrival of large numbers of tourists from West Germany.

Among the reasons for the town's popularity is the fact that German is still spoken here — at least by the older generation — the courtesy of the service and the cleanliness of the hotels. The visitors who usually stay for a week are taken on tours of Galilee and visits to the Christian village of Ness Amim.

Nahariya's Mayor, Ephraim Sharir, who reported this, said the Municipality is hoping that South African Jews will settle in groups in his town and that new-comers from Britain will be directed straight to Nahariya, with all absorption work entrusted to the Municipality.

Beach development this year is to include yachting and diving facilities.

Y.D.

SO FAR no senior official aboard Air Force One has leaked anything about President Carter's reaction to a cable sent to him from Haifa just prior to his scheduled meeting with President Assad of Syria.

The cable, sent by Mrs. Heredia Lokay, via the American Embassy in Tel Aviv, appealed to the American President to take up with Assad the case of the 500 young Jewish women in Syria who are unable to marry. They are not able "to fulfil their feminine destiny" and raise families because there is a shortage of males in the Syrian Jewish community and the girls are not allowed to leave Syria and seek Jewish husbands elsewhere. "This is a denial of their basic human rights," Mrs. Lokay said in her message, "and we know that you are fighting for decency, dignity and human liberty."

Heredia Lokay herself escaped to Israel from Syria in 1961 after being imprisoned there for 18 months for activities on behalf of Jewish emigration. Today she is studying at Haifa University under the leadership development project.

Y.A.

The Readers' Letters column appears on Page 7 today.

## We'll Struggle Together Against the Rightwing

Democratic Workers Solidarity to reject the right and ensure peace. The results of the Knesset elections show that a turn to the right has taken place. (A rightwing reactionary government may be formed.) Begin has already stated that the West Bank is part of the State of Israel.

What does this mean for you?

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- ★ Adoption of compulsory arbitration
- ★ Denial of the right to strike
- ★ Cancellation of subsidies
- ★ Price increases
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- ★ Danger to democratic freedoms
- ★ More suppression and discrimination against the Arab population
- ★ Severe religious coercion.

What caused the rise of the right?

The policy of the Alignment in the government and the Histadrut, which "straightened out the line" with the Likud in all sectors.

There is a possibility to stop the right

We call on all the workers' parties, on democratic organizations and personalities, who were not aware of the danger previously to act as a unified force, as a result of the election results in the struggle for the rejection of the extreme right. The elections for the Histadrut are an important stage in this struggle. The results of the Knesset elections, in which our list received 50% more votes, prove that the solidarity of Jews and Arabs for peace and equality, a democratic workers unity, is the way to stop the right and ensure peace.

Support the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality in the Histadrut Elections. Let us unite in the Histadrut elections so that we may prevent the right from dominating it, so that the Histadrut will fight and become a protective fort of the workers rights in the country.

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